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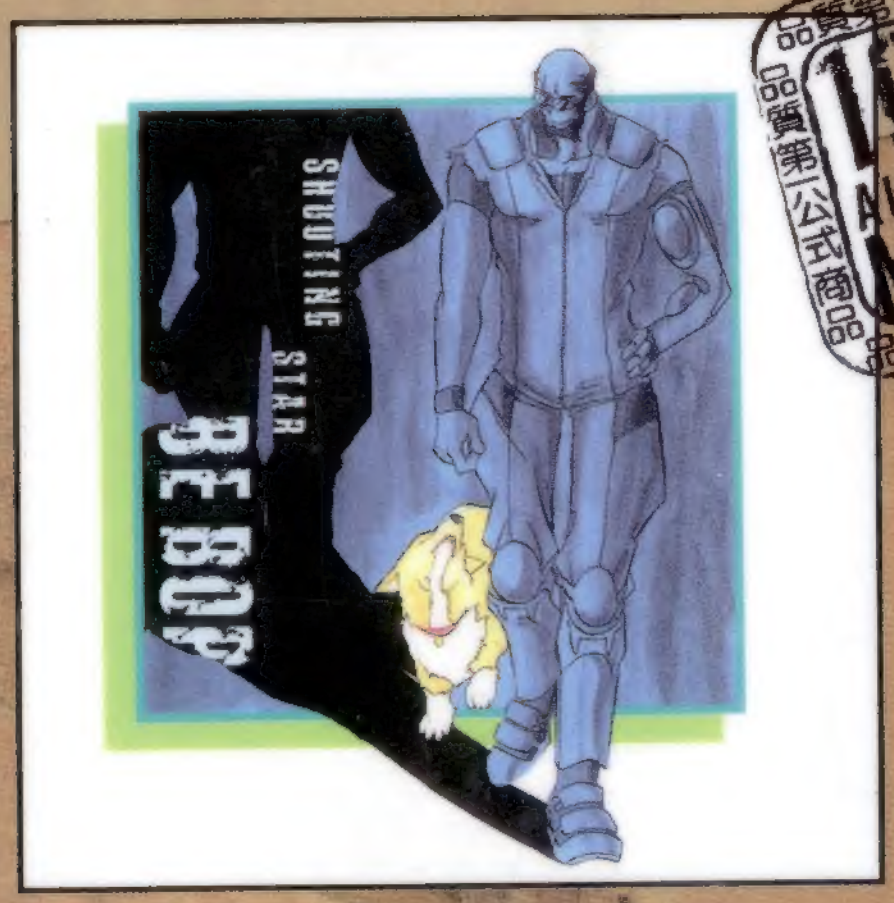

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Even before Cowboy Bebop became a phenomenon, editors at Japan's renowned book publisher Kadokawa set out...

...to create an original manga for the story. The editors there chose Cain Kuga to write it.

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The Man Who Would Be King

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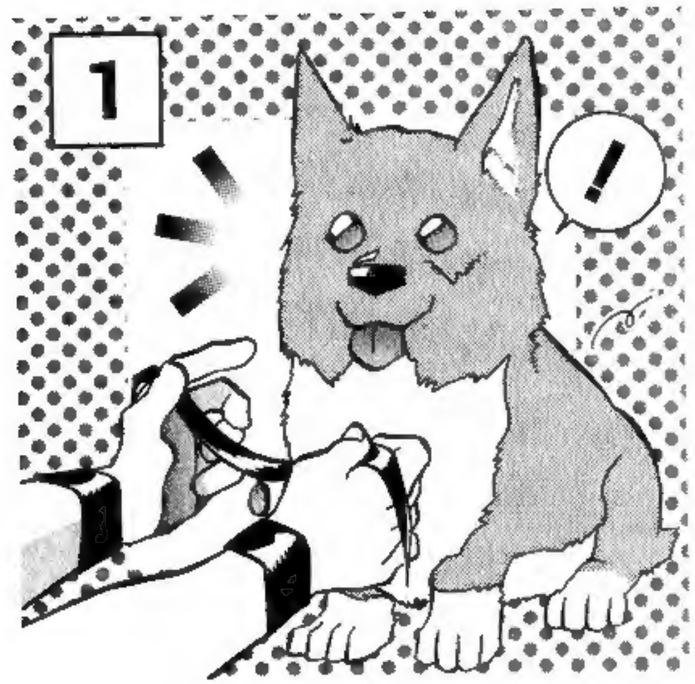

HOW ON EARTH DID YOU GET IN HERE?!

HEY! WHO THE...?

WHA...

UGH.

DON'T TALK, AND DON'T MOVE, MR. CABINET MINISTER.

NOW YOU WILL DONATE IT TO US...

...YOU RECEIVED A DONATION OF 300 MILLION WOOLONGS FROM THE TKK CORPOR-ATION.

EIGHT DAYS AGO, AT TWO THIRTY-EIGHT AM...

WOW, UMMM...

SORRY I DIDN'T RESPOND, OUR SHIP SEEMS TO HAVE LOST POWER.

WOW, I DON'T THINK WE'VE EVER BEEN T-BONED LIKE THAT BEFORE.

BREEP, BREEP, BREEP, BREEP.

WHAT THE?!

OKAY, EVERYONE. SAY HI TO OUR NEW FRIENDS.

HELLO.

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NEW FRIENDS, THIS IS MY CREW. MIND IF WE COME ABOARD?

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THANKS, SO ARE WE.

HELLO, UNKNOWN VESSEL! DO YOU NEED ASSISTANCE? IF YOU ARE STILL ALIVE, PLEASE RESPOND TO THIS HAIL.

OH, I'M STILL ALIVE.

OUCH...

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...
CHESS PIECES?!

WHAT THE?
WHERE ARE WE GOING?
?
WAIT UP.

WAIT A MINUTE.

HEY ED!!!

WHERE'D YOU PUT THE *BOUNTY HEAD WEEKLY*?!

BUPP!

OH, NO... DON'T BLAME ME.

I TURNED OFF THE GRAVITY IN MY ROOM **BEFORE** DANCING.

KING WAS DRIVING. MAYBE HE FELL ASLEEP AT THE HELM.

NOPE, I'M IN CHARGE OF ELECTRONICS. KNIGHT HANDLES STEERING.

THE STEERING WAS FINE. IT WAS ROOK'S DANCING UPSTAIRS THAT JOLTED THE NAVIGATION SYSTEM.

PAWN, I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU TO FIX THE STEERING!

WE'RE VERY SORRY ABOUT THE ACCIDENT. MY NAME'S BISHOP. WILL THIS COVER THE COST OF YOUR REPAIRS?

THOSE AREN'T NAMES. THEY'RE...

KING, BISHOP, KNIGHT, ROOK, PAWN...

OH, KING. NOT AGAIN.

.....

I WAS JUST RESTING MY EYES A BIT.

FELL ASLEEP? NO WAY.

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ARE YOU SPIKE SPIEGEL? I SAW YOU ON TV.

I THOUGHT THEY LOOKED FAMILIAR!

OOPS.

IT APPEARS WE'VE RAMMED A SHIP FULL OF BOUNTY HUNTERS.

YEAH, YOU WERE ON *BIG SHOT* AS A BOUNTY HEAD, I DO RECALL.

WELL, OUR BOUNTY IS A MISUNDER-STANDING, AS WELL.

I SEE.

Wow, He's Tall.

THAT WAS ALL A BIG MISUNDERSTANDING! I WAS INNOCENT.

THE TRUTH IS...

...WE'RE 'GIZOKU,' JUST LIKE ROBIN HOOD.

THAT'S THE ANGLE SPUN BY THE GOVERNMENT ON BEHALF OF THE BIG CORPOR-ATIONS.

WE 'CHESSMEN,' AREN'T A BAND OF THIEVES.

ED, WE NEED THIS! DON'T EAT ON IT!!!

"CHESS PIECES... THIS BAND OF RAIDERS ARE WANTED FOR SEVERAL COUNTS OF THEFT THROUGHOUT SOL."

WOO HOO! YOU GOT US!

WELL, READ THE PAPER FOR YOURSELF.

FICK

...THE COPS HURT QUEEN.

BUT...

YOU SEE, WE'VE NEVER HURT ANYONE.

WE STEAL DIRTY MONEY FROM CORRUPT POLITICIANS AND THEIR RICH CRONIES, AND WE GIVE IT TO THE POOR AND NEEDY. WE CLEAN DIRTY MONEY, SO TO SPEAK.

YEP, THAT'S US.

GIZOKU!!

SOMEONE'S MISSING...

KING, BISHOP, KNIGHT, ROOK, PAWN...

HANG ON...

SO, WHAT ARE YOU DO-GOODERS WANTED FOR?

BUT IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR *BIG SHOT*. LET'S CHECK IT OUT.

QUEEN GOT CAUGHT DURING OUR LAST JOB.

DESPITE APPREHENDING THE CHESSMAN KNOWN AS QUEEN, THE GROUP'S SECOND IN COMMAND, THE OTHER FIVE ARE STILL AT LARGE.

FIRST UP TODAY ARE THE CHESSMEN. THESE VARMINTS STILL HAVEN'T BEEN CAUGHT.

IT'S *BIG SHOT* TIME!!

HELLO AGAIN TO ALL 300,000 OF YOU BOUNTY HUNTERS OUT THERE.

Queen

SO, IF THE CHESSMEN DON'T HAND THEMSELVES OVER IN TWO DAYS...

A POLICE SPOKESMAN HAS REPORTED THAT THEY ABSOLUTELY REFUSE TO NEGOTIATE WITH BANDITS.

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IF THE CHESSMEN AREN'T FOUND IN THE NEXT TWO DAYS, THEY'LL BE DECLARED TERRORISTS BY THE GOVERNMENT...

AND THERE'S MORE TO THE STORY, AMIGOS Y FEMMES.

...THE POLICE WILL KILL THE QUEEN... IN A PUBLIC EXECUTION THAT WE'LL BRING TO YOU LIVE HERE ON *BIG SHOT*.

AND, BOY, DO THEY HAVE A LOT OF FANS.

...BECAUSE THEY'VE TARGETED SEVERAL HIGH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

HOWEVER, THIS POLICE DECISION ISN'T A VERY POPULAR ONE. SOME CITIZENS GROUPS SAY THE CHESSMEN ARE BEING SINGLED OUT...

click

FOR THE SAKE OF THEIR FAMILIES, BOUNTY HUNTERS, SOMEONE HAS TO BRING THEM IN.

...AND EXECUTED ON SIGHT.

WELL...

...WHAT'S HAPPENING IN TWO DAYS THAT HAS THEM SO SCARED?

WE USUALLY SEND A WARNING MESSAGE BEFORE OUR JOBS.

YOU MEAN ...

...THAT WAS A CHESSMAN MESSAGE?

HAVE THIS.

FOR ME?

SURE.

AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, THE CHESSMEN ARE THE JUSTICE SYSTEM.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH TAKING MONEY FROM PEOPLE WHO ALREADY HAVE ENOUGH?

I ONLY SURVIVED BECAUSE OF THE CHESSMEN.

MY BROTHER AND SISTER DIED BECAUSE WE DIDN'T HAVE ANY FOOD.

IF THEY HADN'T GIVEN ME MONEY, I WOULD HAVE HAD TO SELL MY BOY FOR ORGAN HARVESTING ON THE BLACK MARKET.

I'M GRATEFUL TO THE CHESSMEN.

AND NOW, ABOUT OUR LITTLE VEHICLE MISHAP...

IF THEY CHANGE THEIR GAME, WE CAN CHANGE OURS.

TIMES CHANGE. NOW THAT THEY HAVE QUEEN, WE CAN'T AFFORD TO BE GENTLE.

I NEED TO ASK A FAVOR, THOUGH. BISHOP AND PAWN HAVE TO GO RUN ONE LAST ERRAND.

...I PROMISE, WE'LL BE GOOD PASSEN-GERS.

THEY NEED TO DISTRIBUTE THE MONEY FROM OUR LAST JOB.

YOU HEARD THEM. THEY'RE GOING TO KILL HIM.

THE FIRST IS TO RELEASE QUEEN.

WE MADE TWO DEMANDS.

...DETAILED DISCLOSURE OF THE USE OF ALL PUBLIC TAXES.

THE SECOND IS...

...THREE DAYS AGO.

WE SENT OUR LAST WARNING TO MARTIAN POLICE...

...WE WILL HAVE TO ACHIEVE THEM BY FORCE.

IF THESE REQUESTS ARE REFUSED...

...YOU NEVER HURT ANYONE?

I THOUGHT ...

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I WONDER IF RICH PEOPLE...

YEAH ...

...YOU'RE RIGHT.

HEY, YOU'RE BEING UNKIND TO PIGS.

THEY EAT LIKE PIGS, LOOK LIKE PIGS, ACT LIKE PIGS.

...CAN UNDERSTAND WHY WE'RE DOING WHAT WE'RE DOING.

I DOUBT THEY EVEN BELIEVE THAT PEOPLE REALLY STARVE TO DEATH.

I DOUBT IT. PEOPLE WHO CAN AFFORD EVERYTHING NEVER KNOW WHAT REAL HUNGER DOES TO YOU.

I NEVER APPRECI-ATED GOOD FOOD...

...UNTIL I COULD NO LONGER AFFORD IT.

WHICH ONE? ORPHANAGE ON MARS? GATE CON-STRUCTION?

HEY, YOU'RE GETTING SLOPPY, KNIGHT.

YOU'RE RIGHT. AT LEAST PIGS APPRECIATE ALL THE FOOD THEY GET.

RICH PEOPLE COULDN'T SURVIVE ON MOLDY BREAD LIKE WE DO.

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I DOUBT IT. IT'S ONLY TWO DAYS TO MARS.

WON'T IT LOOK SUSPICIOUS NOT TO TAKE A GATE?

SPIKE?

SHOPPING ON MARS.

GIZOKU. IT MEANS JUSTICE PIRATES. BUT PI OR NOT, THEY'RE STILL JUST RATS.

SPEAKING OF RATS, WHERE'S FAYE?

HERE IT IS...

SHE'S ALWAYS BROKE...

...BUT STILL SEEMS TO HAVE MONEY TO SPEND.

I SENT BISHOP AND PAWN TO TAKE CARE OF THE MONEY.

THEY SHOULD BE BACK IN A FEW HOURS.

THANK YOU...

...FOR TRUSTING US.

WE'LL MEET IN 18 HOURS.

DON'T BE LATE. I DON'T WANT TO GIVE THE BEBOP GUYS ANY REASON TO DOUBLE CROSS US.

OKAY!

SEE YOU SOON.

CLICK

EXCUSE ME, KING. I KNOW WE MAY DIE SOON AND ALL, BUT MUST YOU SMOKE?

WOULD I BE LIVING OFF OF STALE BREAD IF I STILL HAD MONEY?!

YOU'RE A 'RICH GIRL,' AREN'T YOU?

HEY ROOK WHAT ABOUT THIS STACK?

DON'T TALK LIKE THAT.

IT'S FOR 'ORPHANS FROM GATE CONSTRUCTION ACCIDENTS.'

THAT GOES TO MARS.

BE-LIEVE ME...

...MY BROTHER WILL OUTLIVE THE COCKROACHES.

I'M SURE HE'S FINE.

MARS...

I WONDER IF QUEEN IS ALL RIGHT.

ARE YOU OKAY?

QUEEN.

KING...

BISHOP!

NO TALKING SCUM!!

WHAT, YOU SPEAKIN' IN CODE, WACKO?

FRANKLY ...

THE BOMB IS IN PLACE.

I'M READY.

...I WAS HOPING THAT WE WOULDN'T NEED IT.

THE COPS ARE THE REAL PAWNS!!

NO JUSTICE NO CHESS PIECES!

QUESTION AUTHORITY!

BISHOP, MARRY ME!!

FREE LOVE!

QUEEN...

...IT'S OUR MOVE.

BROTHER!

SKATE-BOARDING IS NOT A CRIME!!

HOWdee podnUhs!

AND HELLO AGAIN TO ALL YOU BOUNTY HUNTERS OUT THERE. IT'S *BIG SHOT* TIME!! TIME TO HEAR ABOUT THIS WEEK'S WANTED.

WE HAVE BIG NEWS TODAY. THE CHESSMEN HAVE BEEN **ARRESTED**. IT HAPPENED JUST MINUTES BEFORE QUEEN WAS ABOUT TO HEAR 'CHECKMATE.'

IF THEY WEREN'T IN CUSTODY BY THEN, BOTH THE CHESSMEN AND THE POLICE HAD THREATENED TO GO TO WAR WITH EACH OTHER.

THE DEADLINE ON THE CHESSMEN'S ARREST WAS 1 PM TODAY.

LIVE

DEFY THE INJUSTICE SYSTEM!!

FREE THE CHESS-MEN!!

LET'S GO LIVE TO THE SCENE.

THIS IS THE FRONT DOOR OF THE MARTIAN POLICE DEPARTMENT'S HEAD OFFICE. WHOA BOY, THEY'RE OUT IN FORCE TODAY.

I SET THE DETONATOR TO PICK UP THE SIGNAL FROM OUR IGNITION.

PAWN!

ALL'S GOOD.

MOVE THEIR SHIP AROUND BACK FOR INSPECTION.

HEY!

HEY.

OF COURSE!!

ARE YOU TAKING OUR SHIP?

...AND BECOME CRUSADERS.

IN A FEW SECONDS, WE CEASE TO BE GIZOKU...

KING!!

IT'S TOO LATE.

GIVE UP NOW, BEFORE THE PEOPLE WHO DO BELIEVE IN YOU LOSE FAITH.

YOU'RE LIVE ON THE AIR.

WE AREN'T GIZOKU ANYMORE. HISTORY HAS ALREADY MADE ITS JUDGEMENT.

SORRY FOR THE MESS, SPIKE.

THE GUYS!

WHAT ARE THEY DOING HERE?

OW!

WHA...

WHAT'S GOING ON!

OH.

IN SPITE OF OUR WARNING TODAY, THE GOVERNMENT HAS REFUSED OUR REQUESTS.

THANKS, BISHOP.

CHESSMEN, THIS IS OUR ENDGAME.

THEY'RE GOING FOR A SUICIDE RUN...!!!

JET!! CAN THE BEBOP OUTRUN THEM!

...STRAIGHT FOR THE GOVERNMENT OFFICE TOWER!!!

YOU SAID YOU SERVED JUSTICE. I HOPE YOU'RE WILLING TO FACE IT, TOO.

JET!!

OPEN THE DOOR! C'MON, HURRY UP!!

WE HIT YOUR SHIP ON PURPOSE. WE KNEW YOU WERE BOUNTY HUNTERS.

WHAT?

FORGET IT, SPIKE. WE'RE DONE WITH YOU.

WE PLAYED YOU.

THAT WAY THE POLICE WOULD THINK WE WERE HELP-LESS.

WE WANTED BOUNTY HUNTERS TO ESCORT US TO THE POLICE.

BAD MOVE.

...LIKE THEM?

REALLY? HOW STRANGE. I'M TERRIFIED.

I'M NOT AFRAID OF DEATH.

I KNOW WE'RE DOING THE RIGHT THING.

...ABOUT THESE PEOPLE CALLED 'SAMURAI' THAT LIVED ON EARTH LONG AGO.

I'VE HEARD STORIES ...

DON'T DO IT, KING!!!

DO YOU THINK WE'RE...

FOR THEM, DYING IN WAR WAS A GREAT HONOR.

SHOOT 6

KI...

SORRY FOR THE MESS, SPIKE.

WE AREN'T GIZOKU ANYMORE. HISTORY HAS ALREADY MADE ITS JUDGEMENT.

THERE'S NOTHING MORE DANGER-OUS...

...THAN THE ONES WHO THINK THEY'RE HEROES.

KI...

HEY

GIMME A HAND OVER HERE...!

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POLICIA

POLICIA

...SILK HANDKERCHIEF...

...SUNGLASSES WITH UV GLAZE...

...EARRINGS, AND AN EAR PIERCING.

... GLOVES ...

IT'S FOR THE PURCHASE OF A DRESS, HAT...

IT'S A CREDIT COMPANY, THEY'VE TAPPED OUR ACCOUNT DIRECTLY.

GONE? WHERE?

RIGHT?

WELL, EASY COME, EASY GO. AM I RIGHT, FELLAS?

BONK

—SHOOT 6 / END—

LOOK AT THIS.

HEY YOU! HELLO?! HEY ANYONE!!!

HEY!

...IT'S ALREADY GONE.

THE CHECK CLEARED, BUT...

BEEP

BEEP

BEEP

HEY JET, HAVE WE BEEN PAID YET?

LOOK HOW BEAUTIFUL THIS DRESS IS! AND I FOUND A HAT TO MATCH. ISN'T IT TERRIF?

HOW ABOUT THESE SHOES, HAVE YOU EVER SEEN SUCH CUTE CLASPS?

SHOOT!

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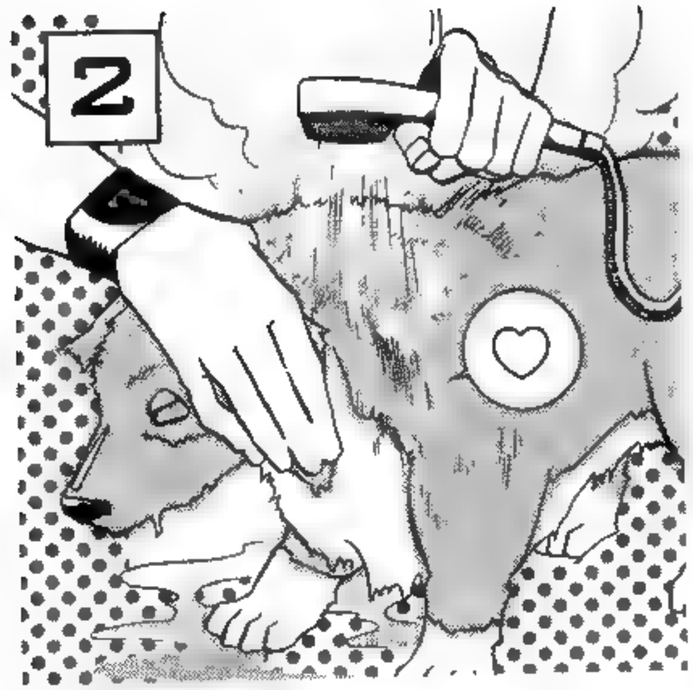

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HIYA! SO, FEED US THE TIP, ALREADY?

NOW, HOW 'BOUT SOME DETAILS? AND GO SLOW, I DON'T KNOW SHORTHAND

...MR. BLACK'S PERSONAL SECRETARY.

WELL, I'M...

WHO ARE YOU?

OKAY, TAKE THIS MESSAGE. THE POLICE AREN'T MAKING ANY OF THIS PUBLIC...

...AND THE BOUNTY IS OUTRAGEOUS.

HE CAN'T.

SINCE WHEN CAN JET AFFORD A PERSONAL SECRETARY?

I'VE GOT A HOT TIP. THIS HASN'T EVEN GONE OUT ON *BIG SHOT* YET.

beep

JET ISN'T HERE NOW. HE'S GONE TO...

bee-beep

HEY, JET. JET, ARE YOU THERE?

AND NOW... THE WINNER IS...

リサーチカウント 友人サマ

HERE GOES!

I HAVE A LITTLE EXTRA SPACE HERE, SO I DECIDED TO USE IT TO LIST THE MOST POPULAR BEBOP CHARACTERS!

HELLO! I'M CAIN KUGA!!!

DO PEOPLE NOT LIKE HOW I DRAW JET?

NO.1

NO.2 SCORPION
NO.3 ED
NO.4 SPIKE
NO.5 EIN
NO.6 FAYE

AHEM. THE ENVELOPE, PLEASE.

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BOB? WHAT DID HE SAY?

YOUR FRIEND TOLD HER ABOUT A BOUNTY AND THEN SHE JUST SPLIT.

bee-beep

WHAT FOR? HE KNOWS I'M NOT A COP ANYMORE.

HE WANTED YOU TO LOOK FOR A MISSING KID.

click

GRANDPA MONEY BAGS ISN'T AT HIS HOME AT THE MOMENT.

SORRY TO BOTHER YOU, AGAIN. BUT I HAVE SOME NEW INFORMATION ABOUT THE CASE.

YO, SPIKE! FAYE ISN'T WITH YOU, IS SHE?

SO, WHAT'S THE REWARD?

NOW, GRANDPA MONEY BAGS HAS DECIDED TO DEVOTE THE REST OF HIS LIFE AND FORTUNE TO FINDING THE BOY.

SIX YEARS AGO, THE GRANDSON OF AN EXTREMELY WEALTHY MAN WENT MISSING ON VENUS.

IT'S A MISSING PERSONS CASE.

...IF HE'S SUCCESSFUL, JET WILL SEND YOU TEN PERCENT OF ANY BOUNTY... A LITTLE FINDERS FEE.

SO, PLEASE ...

HEY, HAND-SOME...

WHAT?

...DON'T TELL ANYONE ELSE ABOUT IT!!

IT STARTS AT 50 MILLION WOOLONGS, BUT IT MAY BE NEGOTIABLE.

FIFTY...

50 MILLION WOOLONGS!!

NOW, WHERE DID YOU SAY FAYE WENT?

THAT'S OKAY. YOU CAN LEAVE IT TO US THIS TIME!!

clang

SORRY, JET, BUT YOU KNOW I DON'T GET MIXED UP IN ANYTHING INVOLVING CHILDREN.

FINE.

GOT IT!! JUST RELAX FOR A WHILE UNTIL WE GET BACK.

THE MARTIAN NORTH POLE, SHE'S FLYING AROUND HIS SATELLITE, I THINK.

THERE'S GOT TO BE SOME **EXCITING** BOUNTY HEADS OUT THERE.

AHH... WOW, I'M OUT OF SHAPE.

beep

beep

YAAWWWN

NOW, YOUR GEEZER IS CURRENTLY ON MARS VISITING A FACTORY NEAR CHINATOWN.

I DON'T KNOW YOU. ARE YOU A ROOKIE?

YEAH, I'M NEW AT THE STATION.

THAT'S ALL. THANK YOU.

OH, AND SAY HI TO YOUR SECRETARY FOR ME.

BOB ASKED ME TO FORWARD THE ADDRESS TO YOU.

SO, BRIEF ME ON THE GIG, SPIKE MAN.

THE LITTLE TIKE IS WORTH 50 MILLION WOOLONGS.

FIFTY WHAT?!

SECRETARY? WHOSE SECRETARY?

YOURS. DON'T TELL ME YOU'VE FORGOTTEN ABOUT HER?

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DO NOT EAT JET

THEN AGAIN...

...MAYBE I WON'T.

HE'D BE PERFECT IF THE DRAGON HEAD DIDN'T WANT HIM, TOO.

WELL...

...JET AND FAYE ARE ON A JOB. IT'S A SLOW WORK DAY. THINK I'LL HAVE A SNACK AND CATCH A NAP.

crack

crack

crack

bang bang

LET'S BEGIN WITH THIS TOUGH-LOOKING HOMBRE!

HELLO TO ALL 300,000 BOUNTY HUNTERS OUT THERE. IT'S *BIG SHOT* TIME!! TIME TO HEAR ALL ABOUT THE WANTED, ESPECIALLY FOR YOU WHO ARE BORED AND OUT OF SHAPE.

shucks... howdee podnuhs!

BUT THEY AREN'T THE ONLY ONES WHO WANT HIM. HIS POLICE BOUNTY IS 10 MILLION WOOLONGS.

THIS IS CARLOS BELUSA, AND HIS BOUNTY COMES TO US FROM THE DRAGON HEAD SYNDICATE.

beep

WOW, ANYONE NEAR MARS, IT'S YOUR LUCKY DAY. GOOD LUCK AND GO GET HIM, BOYS!

WAIT A MINUTE... WE JUST GOT ANOTHER TIP ON THIS GUY. YUP, NOW IT'S SHO' NUFF CONFIRMED. HE'S HIDING SOMEWHERE ON MARS.

WHY BOTHER?

HE STOLE MY CHANGE.

OUCH!

SOMEONE TOLD ME TO GIVE YOU THIS.

YOU... YOU'RE SPIKE SPIEGEL, RIGHT? THE BOUNTY HUNTER.

HE SAID THAT YOU'D KNOW WHO HE WAS.

HEY KID, YOU JUST STOLE ALL THE MONEY I HAVE.

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ZZZ

OWWW....

WELL, IT'S BETTER THAN NOTHING.

...500 WOO-LONGS.

ALL I HAVE IS...

DAMN.

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OH MY GOD... THIEF!!

slap

HERE'S YOUR CHANGE ...

THAT'S 150 WOOLONGS.

ONE PLEASE?

SHOOT 7

WELL, I SHOULD HAVE GUESSED. ED...

I GOT YOUR NOTE.

I GOT TIRED OF WAITING FOR YOU IN CHINA-TOWN.

SO YOU'RE SPIKE. IT'S NICE TO MEET YOU.

I have information for you regarding scorpion. Meet me at 4-52-8 in ChinaTown if you know what's good for your friend.

I HAVE A FRIEND?

I'D KNOW WHO...?

ANYHOW, I GAVE IT TO YOU.

COULD BE FROM SOMEONE INSIDE THE DRAGON HEAD.

.....

WHAT DOES HE WANT WITH ME?

! Ugh mw... awa... !

YOU DO HAVE A NICE BOUNTY ON YOUR HEAD. I WOULDN'T MIND TAKING YOU IN. BUT THIS IS MY DAY OFF.

HOWEVER, I'LL LEAVE YOU WITH A FRIENDLY WORD OF ADVICE.

LISTEN, PLEASE HELP YOURSELF TO ED. YOU CAN ROAST HER, GRILL HER, WHATEVER YOU WANT. ANY INFORMATION YOU HAVE, I DON'T NEED. AND I HAVE NOTHING YOU NEED THAT I COULD GIVE YOU IN RETURN.

BUT, FAYE?!

LITTLE CHINATOWN... THAT'S WHERE JET AND FAYE WERE HEADING...

WHO DOES HE THINK IS MY FRIEND?

NO WAY. JET'S THE LAST MAN WHO WOULD GET CAUGHT...

ON!
ON!
ON!

THIS GUY...

OKAY.

HERE IT IS.

LET'S SEE...

...CARLOS BELUSA. DRAGON HEAD CAPTAIN.

32 YEARS OLD. AH-HA! AND HE ANSWERS DIRECTLY TO SCORPION.

ARGUMENT?

ABOUT THREE MONTHS AGO, THEY HAD A BIG ARGUMENT AND HE LEFT THE DRAGON HEAD.

YES. SCORPION, KID GENIUS OF THE DRAGON HEAD. WHEN HE WAS LITTLE HIS INTELLIGENCE MADE HIM FAMOUS THROUGHOUT THE SOLAR SYSTEM. THEN THE DRAGON HEAD KIDNAPPED HIM, BRAINWASHED HIM, AND NOW USE HIM AS ONE OF THEIR CAPTAINS..

AND IT WAS CARLOS THAT PULLED OFF THE KIDNAPPING.

HANG ON A SEC. HUH?

HEY ED, WHAT'S THAT?

IT'S A COPY, BUT STILL HAS CODES TO DRAGON HEAD'S COMPUTERS.

FAYE STOLE AND DESTROYED ED'S MICROCHIP BUT FAYE DIDN'T TAKE ED'S DISC.

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CLICK

bee beep

Whir

WHAT THE HELL DOES HE WANT ME FOR?

I DON'T KNOW, BUT HE SAID SOMETHING ABOUT KILLING YOU TO GET SCORPION IN TROUBLE.

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

HYA!

IT'S NOTHING PERSONAL AGAINST YOU.

UGH!

IF JET AND FAYE COME BACK, DON'T LET THEM IN.

.....

TAKE EIN AND GET OUT.

ED!

Shit.

HE RECENTLY SUCCEEDED IN GETTING CARLOS KICKED OUT.

FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS, SCORPION HAS EMBRACED THE DRAGON HEAD BUT HAS TARGETED CARLOS.

BUT DURING THE JOB, CARLOS KILLED SCORPION'S SISTER. THE KID NEVER GOT OVER IT. AND HE DIDN'T BLAME THE DRAGON HEAD... HE BLAMED CARLOS.

BUT WHY DON'T WE LET CARLOS FINISH THE STORY, SEEING AS HE'S RIGHT BEHIND US.

OKAY, ENOUGH.

AND NOW CARLOS HAS TARGETED SCORPION.

IF I WERE TO, SAY, SEND YOUR DEAD BODY TO THAT LEADER AS A GIFT FROM SCORPION, HE'D BE MORE THAN WILLING TO EXTERMINATE THE LITTLE BRAT FOR ME.

IN TWO WEEKS, SCORPION WILL BE MEETING A TOP LEADER OF THE SYNDICATE. HE MENTIONED THAT YOU ARE AN OLD FRIEND OF THAT LEADER.

...HE WAS BEING...

WHEN SCORPION SAID I WAS AN OLD FRIEND OF SOMEONE IN THE SYNDICATE ...

C'MON! IT'S BETTER TO BURN OUT THAN TO FADE AWAY, SPIEGEL. AT LEAST YOU'RE GOING OUT IN STYLE.

...IRONIC!

YOU KNOW...

...WHEN YOU WERE DRESSED AS A ROOKIE COP.

HEY...

...YOU LOOKED BETTER THIS MORNING.

OH, SHIT.

THANKS.

NOW START DYING, MR. SPIEGEL.

WAAGH!!

NICE KICK.

YOUR PLAN WOULD HAVE BACKFIRED.

THAT PERSON WANTS ME DEAD.

I TOLD YOU TO GET OUT OF HERE!

ED?

DROP THE GUN, SPIKE!!

I'M NOT A PATIENT MAN.

I SHOULD CONTACT JET AND FAYE FAYE.

C'MON!

IS THERE A RADIO UP HERE?

LE, LE, LET'S...

...HIDE UP HERE...

...EIN.

WOOF.

HEY, THERE'S SPIKE!

WHAT'S HE DOING?

NOW HOW'S MY IRONY, SPIKE?.

OOH! LET'S SURPRISE HIM.

ADIOS, AMIGO.

LIKE YOU SAID, I WANT YOU DEAD.

AH! THIS IS YOUR FAULT, JET!

WHAT CAN I DO? THAT'S THE ADDRESS I WAS SENT.

WELL, IT WAS A TOTAL WASTE OF OUR TIME!!

I'M SORRY...

YOU SHOULD HAVE GOTTEN OUT, ED.

DROP IT NOW!!!

I TOLD YOU, I'M NOT A PATIENT MAN.

I MEAN IT!!! DROP THE GUN OR I'LL BREAK HIS NECK.

I HEARD YOU.

.....

NEVER TRUST A ROOKIE COP.

BeBop

BUT, THE ADDRESS DIDN'T EVEN EXIST.

SO, I CAUGHT UP WITH FAYE AND WE WENT TO CHINATOWN.

HEY, I HELPED OUT TOO, YOU KNOW.

NOW WE CAN AT LEAST PAY FOR GAS TO GET THERE.

THANKS A LOT, FAYE.

BUT YOU WERE JUST TRYING TO SURPRISE SPIKE!

I STILL SAVED HIM. MY SHARE IS, OH, ABOUT THIS.

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AND GUESS WHAT...

...IT TURNS OUT THE GRANDSON IS LOOKING FOR YOU, SPIKE.

YES, WE DID!!

SO, DID YOU SEE THE RICH GRANDPA?

OR ANYONE WHO DOESN'T GET IRONY.

SCORPION!!!

AND YOU'LL NEVER GUESS WHO IT IS.

hmmm

SO, WE'LL HAVE TO KIDNAP HIM BACK OFF THAT BATTLE TRANSPORT...

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WELL, THANKS TO SPIKE, AT LEAST WE'VE GOT SOME MONEY.

WHAT'S THAT NOISE?

EIN!!

IT WAS YOU!!

IT'S GONE!

.....

grr yumm

...IF...

LISTEN TO ME. I WON'T REPORT THIS TO THE POLICE...

...YOU FIND MY GRANDSON AND BRING HIM BACK TO ME!!!

ME, TOO.

I'M OUT.

—SHOOT 7 / END—

crunch

HOW'RE THOSE STICKY FINGERS OF YOURS, FAYE?

YO.

grrr

I GOT YOU ON SECURITY VIDEO.

OH, IT'S YOU, LADY!!! YOU STOLE MY JEWELRY BOX, YOU THIEF!

HOW COULD A THRTY-POUND BOX FALL INTO YOUR POCKET? IT WAS ATTACHED TO THE DESK!!

grmumph

sitsit

OH, NO, NO, NO. I DIDN'T STEAL IT... IT FELL DOWN MY POCKET BY MISTAKE.

WAIT A MINUTE...

I WAS JUST GOING TO POLISH IT AND RETURN IT TO YOU... HUH?

YOU THIEF!! I SHOWED YOU THAT JEWELRY BOX!

I HIT A JACKPOT ON A GAME AND GOT ALL THIS STUFF!

HELLO!!! I'M HOME!. HEY, C'MERE, LOOK!

MUMPH HUMM

UMM

HUH?

WHAT? WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT?

SHOOT.8

...RYUSHUKA NAIGLE, JR.

SCORPION? WHO'S THAT?

MY GRAND-SON'S NAME IS...

HE'S SO CUTE IN THAT PICTURE.

YEP.

YEAH, THAT'S SCORPION.

HERE HE IS.

ding

I'M AN OLD MAN WITH ONLY ONE JOY LEFT IN THE WORLD...

I LOST MY SON AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW IN AN ACCIDENT. MY GRAND-DAUGHTER WAS KILLED BY THE DRAGON HEAD.

I WAS JUST TRYING TO BE PUNNY.

GET IT?

I KNOW JUST HOW YOU FEEL...

NO VOTES FOR ME!

WAS THE OCTOPUS EVEN A CHARACTER!?

I SPENT MONTHS OF SWEAT AND TEARS ON THE BEBOP CHARACTERS...

....AND EVERYONE ASKS ME ABOUT ONE LITTLE OCTOPUS DRAWING.

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NO.1 OCTOPUS

THAT'S THE MOST POPULAR CHARACTER!!

THIS IS JUST AN OCTOPUS.

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(VERY TASTY).

The end.

bebeep

IS SCORPION THERE?

OH, HAHA! YOU ARE!

click

SO YOU HAVE MY PRIVATE NUMBER. VERY RESOURCEFUL OF YOU.

EDWARD IV.

OF COURSE, SILLY. ANYWAY, SPIKE ISN'T DEAD.

IT MUST FRUSTRATE A GENIUS LIKE HIM...

...TO BE UNABLE TO FIGURE OUT THE HOLES IN HIS OWN MIND.

...TO WATCH MY GRANDSON GROW UP.

WE ARE YOUR BODYGUARDS UNTIL WE RENDEZVOUS WITH THE 4TH GUARD GROUP. THEY WILL PROTECT YOU ONCE WE PASS JUPITER.

MR. SCORPION, SIR.

I'M SHUNAF KADASU, 16TH GUARD GROUP LEADER.

THANK YOU.

YOU CAN GO NOW.

WHY? DID HE GROW UP ON VENUS?

HIS CHILDHOOD MEMORIES SHOULD HAVE BEEN WIPED.

HE'S ALWAYS LIKE THIS WHEN WE'RE OVER VENUS.

MR. SCORPION DOESN'T SEEM QUITE HIMSELF.

LOOK AT IT.

IT'S BEEN LIKE THIS EVER SINCE RYUSHUKA DISAPPEARED.

THIS USED TO BE HIS DOG.

...

...BUT YOU MAY BE BETTER OFF NOT KNOWING.

I KNOW WHERE YOUR GRANDSON IS...

MY GRAND-SON...

...HE USED TO LOVE ANIMALS.

HE'S NOT THE BOY YOU KNEW.

IT DOESN'T MATTER!

YAY, THAT'S HIM! SPIKE GOT HURT BUT NOT DEAD. HEH HEH HEH.

CARLOS BELUSA?

CARLOS ... CARLOS ...

EVEN THOUGH YOU SENT YOUR THUG TO GET HIM.

YOUR CURRENT LOCATION IS OVER THE NORTHERN HEMISPHERE OF VENUS, RIGHT?

HE'S UH... NOT HERE RIGHT NOW, BUT HE'LL BE BACK.

I SEE. CARLOS WENT AFTER SPIKE... SO, WHERE IS HE NOW?

YOU'LL HEAR FROM ME AGAIN.

TELL SPIKE THAT IT'S NOT HIS TIME YET.

WHAT? DID I TELL YOU THAT?

BE BOP

SO, CARLOS THINKS HE CAN SET ME UP, DOES HE?

NO.

EDWARD IV, THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS TO MY ATTENTION

HERE WE GO.

click

THAT'S RIGHT!.

BAIT?

beebeep

IS SPIKE BACK YET?

YOU MIGHT BE SAFER IF YOU CAME OVER HERE FOR A TALK.

DON'T WORRY, THIS IS OUR PLAN.

HE-- HEY?!

MR. SPIEGEL, CARLOS IS PURSUING YOU ON HIS OWN, NOT ON MY ORDERS.

SURE. LET'S CHAT.

DO WE HAVE TRANQUILIZER DARTS?

...THAT MEANS NO REAL BULLETS. HOW ABOUT TRANQUILIZER DARTS? WHAT DO YOU THINK?

HIS REQUEST IS THAT WE TAKE HIS GRANDSON ALIVE...

I'LL GIVE YOU A BILLION-- NO, 10 BILLION WOOLONGS! WHATEVER YOU WANT.

...HAVE YOU PICKED UP ANYTHING?

ED....

OF COURSE!!!

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OUR BAIT IS SET AND THE FISH ARE BITING.

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SCORPION SHOULD ARRIVE IN A DAY OR TWO TO MEET THE DRAGON HEAD LEADER.

IF WE CAN BELIEVE CARLOS... LET'S SEE, IT'S BEEN TWO WEEKS.

SO A BATTLE TRANSPORT COULD BE HEADED TOWARDS US ANY MINUTE NOW?

I GUESS WE'RE ALL SET THEN.

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I'LL EVEN PAY YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

WE HAVE A TOP-NOTCH MEDICAL STAFF.

WHY DON'T YOU STAY WITH ME HERE? JUST UNTIL I LOCATE CARLOS.

WELCOME.

MR. SPIKE SPIEGEL, SIR.

TAKE IT EASY. I'M WOUNDED.

I'M A BOUNTY HUNTER, REMEMBER?

...BUT I DON'T WORK BY THE HOUR.

THAT'S A TEMPTING OFFER...

YOU MAY NOT BELIEVE THIS, BUT I DON'T WANT YOU TO DIE RIGHT NOW.

THERE'S A NEW PRICE ON YOUR HEAD.

THAT'S RIGHT.

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BOUNTY HUNTER?

YES, SIR.

click

OVER HERE, PLEASE.

.....

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.

BUT, I DON'T HAVE TIME TO PLAY WITH YOU, ANYMORE.

THAT WON'T HELP.

THIS OFFER ISN'T FOR SCORPION.

THERE IS NO PRICE ON SCORPION'S HEAD, MR. SPIEGEL.

DONK

CLICK

FOOSHSH

A TRANSPARENT WALL?

DAMN.

!

CRACK

FOOSHSHS

HE'S NOT DYING?!

I'M HIT.

RHYSHUKA? WHO IS THAT?

... RYUSHUKA NAIGLE, JR.

HE'S STILL ALIVE AND HE WANTS TO SEE YOU...

YOU HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN YOUR OWN GRANDFATHER, HAVE YOU?

OH, ONE MORE THING ABOUT SCORPION. HE HAS A STRONG ALLERGY TO TRANQUILIZERS.

SPIKE, GO LEFT AT THE NEXT CORNER, AND THEN RIGHT AT THE END OF THE HALL.

ARE YOU JAMMING ALL THE DISTRESS CALLS, ED?

OF COURSE!. THAT'S WHY THE OTHER SHIPS AREN'T HERE YET...

...WHAT? TRANQ...

TRANQUILIZERS? UHHH...

SOME ANESTHETICS MAKE HIS BODY CRAMP AND START TO SEIZE.

THEN WHAT?

HE SEEMS TO LIKE CHICKEN. HE ORDERED SAUTEED SPRING CHICKEN YESTERDAY.

SCORPION HAS DOGS, A DOBERMAN AND GREAT DANE.

HE DOESN'T LIKE LAMB, I THINK. HE'S NEVER ORDERED IT FROM THAT SHIP'S KITCHEN.

SHUT UP, ED!!!

USE AN INFRARED SCAN, JET.

?

HOLD ON A SEC.

JET, WHERE'S SCORPION? I CAN'T SEE IN THIS SMOKE.

HOW COULD SOMEONE FORGET THEIR NAME?

WHAT? SCAN THE WALL FOR FINGER-PRINTS...

HEY, JET.

OKAY, SPIKE. THERE HAS TO BE A KEYPAD FOR THAT WALL.

PROBABLY HYPNOSIS. THE DRAGON HEAD SUPPRESSED HIS MEMORIES.

PUT UP

ding

NO... THE MEMORY LOSS IS TOO COMPLETE.

WHAT ABOUT AMNESIA?

IT'S SAD REALLY...

DON'T DO ANYTHING TO HURT HIM.

GET SPIKE AND SEND HIM BACK TO THE BEBOP.

WHAT?!

DON'T SHOOT! HE CAN'T--

SPIKE! SPIKE, DON'T.

HE DIES.

AND YOU'VE FORGOTTEN THE ONLY MAN WHO TRULY LOVES YOU.

...BECAUSE THEY CONTROL YOUR PAST.

...BUT THE DRAGON HEAD CONTROLS YOUR LIFE...

YOU'RE A GENIUS. YOU CAN ACCOMPLISH SO MUCH...

DAMN IT.

PIN PIN

WE'VE BEEN CUT OFF.

RYUSHUKA.

SEE FAYE FAYE...

...FIREWORKS IN SPACE.

AREN'T THEY PRETTY, EIN?

POP

I'M NOT GOING OVER THERE.

ME, WHY ME?

FAYE, GO FIND SPIKE AND LET HIM KNOW ABOUT SCORPION.

IF HE DIES, THERE'S NO BOUNTY. BESIDES, YOU GOT US INTO THIS IN THIS FIRST PLACE.

HEY ED!

YOU'D BETTER NOT LET THOSE CRUISERS ATTACK WHILE I'M OVER THERE.

OH... OKAY. I'LL GO...

THANKS A LOT.

THIS IS THE ONLY OTHER NON-LETHAL WEAPON WE HAVE. TAKE IT.

IT FIRES STUN BAGS.

HERE WE GO.

NO SWEAT, FAYE FAYE.

I'M REPRO-GRAMMING THEIR FIRING CODES AS WE SPEAK.

ARF ARF!

EWW, WHAT IS THIS?

THEY'RE ALL ASLEEP.

HELLO, HEY SPIKE?

HEY SPIIIIKE... WHERE ARE YOU?

PLEASE, MR. SCORPION.

MR. SCORPION? WAIT! WHY ME?

?

I DON'T WANNA DIE.

beep

beep

beep

beep

beep

ON

DOOR

SLAM!

KA CHIK

I GOT HIM!!

!

NO, SPIKE!!!

SCOR-PION HAS...

SHIT!

WHOOSH!

IF HE DIES YOU DIE...

SCORPION, CLOSE THE HATCH!!

...SO HURRY UP!!

!

HEY!!!

DON'T WORRY. IT'S JUST A TRANQUI-LIZER. IT WON'T KILL YOU...

...BUT IF YOU DON'T CLOSE THIS HATCH, I WILL.

SPIIIKE !!!!

HE'S ALREADY DEAD.

SPIKE!!! LET HIM GO.

WHAT'S HIS PROBLEM?

DAMN...

I GOT IT FROM JET.

OH, WHO'S THE FLOWER FOR?

WHAT?

LET'S SEE... THAT WAY.

HEY ED, WHICH WAY IS WEST?

IN BUDDHISM, THE LAND OF DEATH IS TO THE WEST.

AND I WANT EVERYONE THERE TO SEE THIS.

—SHOOT 8 / END—

MY GRANDSON... HE WAS WORKING FOR THE DRAGON HEAD?

I NEVER THOUGHT I WOULD OUTLIVE MY GRANDSON.

YOU WERE A NICE BOY, RYUSHUKA.

WOOP WOOP

WHEN YOU WERE GONE I MISSED YOU...

...BUT THEN AT LEAST I HAD HOPE.

In Cold Blood

SHOOT 9

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THAT'S WHAT I WANNA KNOW.

WHAT'S UP, FAYE?

NOW HURRY UP AND GET ME DOWN!

YEAH, INVENTED BY 'DR. ED'!

IS THIS SOME NEW KIND OF EXERCISE?

HEY, WAIT A MINUTE. WHY IS EIN FIRST?

HER MISCHIEF IS GETTING OUT OF HAND.

DON'T EVEN *THINK* OF LEAVING ME HERE, SPIKE!!!

I KNOW ED'S BEEN BORED...

"I WANT TO EAT SUKIYAKI." WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?

HELP!

?!

...BUT THIS IS OUT OF CONTROL!

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IS THIS THE SWITCH FOR THE POWER HAND?

OR IS IT THIS ONE?

YEY EJAY

OH, THERE IT IS!

...BUT THIS AND THIS...

beep

beep

beep

LET'S SEE... I DON'T NEED THIS PART...

ED, PLEASE, THIS ISN'T A GARBAGE TRUCK!

PLUS... OOOH!

THIS ONE, WELL...

YES!

AND THAT!!!

WOW!

SPACE SHIP PARTS ALL OVER THE PLACE!

THIS IS GREAT!

WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH THAT?

NOTHING NOTHING. JUST GET IT FOR MEEEE.

HEY JET, PLEASE CAN YOU PICK UP THAT PIECE, PLEASE!!

IT'S NOT SO GREAT, ED. IT'S MOSTLY JUNK.

WELL, THAT WAS EFFECTIVE PARENTING.

ARE YOU LISTENING?!

BUT I DO NEED THIS.

THIS ONE... YES, I DO! I DO!!!

I DON'T NEED THIS.

WHA'S UP GUYS?

SOME KIND OF NEW EXER-CISE?

EXACTLY.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN US?

.....

OHHHH, IT'S A MICROLENS !!!

WOW, THIS IS GREAT!

YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT MY TRAPS AND DRAWINGS, RIGHT?

I'LL CLEAN EVERYTHING UP LATER. I PROMISE.

REMEMBER ME

'HERE'S SOMETHING TO REMEMBER ME BY!'

'SO LONG.'

Fin

SOMETHING ... SOMETHING ...

HERE'S SOMETHING...

WE'RE IN HERE!!!

COULD YOU LAUNCH MY HOMEMADE SATELLITE NOW?

HEY, JET!

.....

I'M GONNA LAUNCH *YOU* IF YOU DON'T RELEASE US FROM YOUR STUPID TRAP!!!

'LONG TIME AGO... YOUR BROTHER HELPED ME OUT.'

SOOOO COOL...

'...YOU'RE NOT LEAVING, ARE YOU?'

MY JOB HERE IS DONE! HA HA HA!!!

'MY JOB HERE IS DONE...'

'FRAID SO LITTLE LADY.'

SHOOT 9

Whirr

tik tik tik

POOP

!

beebeebeep

clang

UM, A BIT MORE RIGHT.

AROUND HERE, ED?

YES! RIGHT THERE!!!

FIVE, FOUR, THREE, TWO...

...ONE ...

... ZERO!!!

YOU'LL SEE!

WHAT'S THE SATELLITE SUPPOSED TO DO, ED?

UH... OH OH!

YOU'RE EDWARD IV?!

YES, I AM.

PUT YOUR HANDS UP.

UM...

YOU ARE UNDER ARREST!

POLI CIA

I...

I DIDN'T MEAN TO.

THE SATELLITE YOU DESTROYED BELONGED TO THE POLICE!!!

ATTENTION! MR. EDWARD WONG HAU PEPELU TIVRUSKY IV!!

UMM...

DO NOT RESIST. SURRENDER NOW AND YOU WILL BE TREATED WELL.

YOU'RE WANTED FOR DAMAGING PUBLIC PROPERTY.

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OKAY.

SOMEONE'S HERE TO PICK YOU UP. YOU CAN GO NOW.

HEY!!

IF SO, I WANT TO GO GO!!!

DO THEY HAVE GOOD FOOD ON PLUTO?

HUH?

SPIKE, YOU CAME!!!

POLICE INFORMA-TION ABOUT BOUNTY HEADS!

...I JUST WANTED TO COLLECT INFORMA-TION.

OF COURSE, BUT...

BUT YOU ADMIT YOU VANDALIZED IT.

INFORMA-TION?!

THAT'S WHY I NEED MORE INFORMA-TION.

UGH.

BECAUSE OF THAT, THEY DON'T MAKE ENOUGH MONEY, AND OUR DINNER HAS BEEN BEAN SPROUTS AND GREEN ONIONS, AN' I HATE GREEN ONIONS.

THE BEBOP TEAM HASN'T BEEN CATCHING MANY BOUNTY HEADS BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE ENOUGH INFORMATION.

YOUR PRANKS AREN'T FUNNY ANYMORE.

IF YOU CAN'T GROW UP, WE'RE SENDING YOU BACK TO EARTH.

I DON'T LIKE POLICE STATIONS UNLESS I'M COLLECTING A BOUNTY.

YOU'RE NOT MAKING ME HAPPY, ED.

AND IF YOU DO THIS AGAIN I'LL SEND YOU TO PLUTO!!

WELL, NOW YOU NEED MONEY TO PAY FOR A NEW SATELLITE.

I SEE...

HERE'S SOMETHING SOMETHING...

TASTY SUKIYAKI !!!

GO BACK TO EARTH...

EARTH...

YOU'RE RIGHT.

IF I GO HOME, I CAN PLAY MORE.

WHAT CAN I GET THEM?

I HAVE TO GIVE THEM SOMETHING!

...SOMETHING TO REMEMBER ME BY.

THEY NEED A BOUNTY!

HMMM... SUKIYAKI? NO...

I KNOW!

SU-KI-YA-KI, SU-KI-YUM-YUM!

BACK TO EARTH, I CAN EAT SUKIYAKI!

SPIKE, YOU'RE A GENIUS!!!

W9,500,000

beep

YAY YAY, THIS ONE'S TOO EASY!

beep

?

NOW...

...WHAT?!

NO! NO! NO! NO!

HIGH BOUNTY.

YEAH!

beep

AH-HA!

HIDING ON MARS... THIS ONE SOUNDS PERFECT!!!

IF HE JUST BROKE OUT HE MIGHT STILL HAVE A PRISON TRACKING TAG IN HIS HEAD.

bee-beep

ping

beep

ding

beep

ding

beep

OOPS.

AHH!!

STOP RUNNING AWAY!

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

UH, WHERE'D THE SWORD-FISH GO?

UM... THAT DIDN'T GO SO WELL...

WHAT THE HELL IS THAT KID DOING NOW?

AH!

I'M GOING TO KILL YOU ED. I'VE HAD ENOUGH.

I WANNA HUNT A BOUNTY HEAD.

SPIKE, I'M BORROWING YOUR SWORDFISH.

ED!!

YOU'RE REALLY GOING BACK TO EARTH?

REMEMBER YOU?!

SO, CAN I TAKE THE RED TAIL?

beep

YES... I WANTED TO SHOW MY APPRECIATION SINCE YOU'VE BEEN NICE TO ED.

beep

...ED.

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BELIEVE ME, I'LL REMEMBER YOU JUST FINE...

I'M SORRY, SPIKE.

OOPS! HOHO! SILLY MISTAKE.

I ASKED YOU WHAT'S GOING ON, ED?

JET?

click

NEXT TIME, I'LL USE THE HAMMER-HEAD.

SHOOT 9

byip

HMM...

PROBABLY SCORPION.

TO AVENGE THE DEATH OF A LEADER.

LET'S SEE.

HUM...

I GET IT...

I GOT IT!

HUM-DEEDEE...

I KNOW WHAT THEY CAN REMEM-BER ME BY!

THE DRAGON HEAD IS HUNTING THE BEBOP?

WHY?

OKAY!

beep

beep

beep

HUH?

WHAT?

...

OH, MY POOR SWORD-FISH.

CLICK

JUST A FEW TOUCHES...

CLICK

CLICK

CLICK

CLICK

PICTURES FIRST!

THEN A LITTLE SCANNING.

BOOM

AND NOW ED DOES HER DRAWINGS!

YEEHAW!!! LONG TIME NO SEE, EARTH!!

IT'S MY SOMETHING! SOMETHING TO REMEMBER ME!

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

OH, DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE DRAGON HEAD. I PLAYED A TRICK ON THEM FOR YOU!

JET, FAYE FAYE, TAKE CARE!

SEE YOU!!!

BYE BYE, EIN.

WHAT?

FUGHED-ABOUD-ID.

beep

I'VE HEARD/ YOU'RE LOOKING FOR/ THE BEBOP TEAM.' I CAME ACROSS// AN ACCIDENT / THREE DAYS AGO./ SENDING YOU// PICTURES I TOOK/// AT THE SCENE.^ ALL BEBOP CREWMEMBERS/ DEAD.///

...SO WHY SHOULD THE DRAGON HEAD BE HUNTING THE BEBOP?

SPIKE DIDN'T MEAN TO KILL SCORPION...

SO LONG...

...DRAGON HEAD!

JUST SEND PICTURES OVER TO THE DRAGON HEAD...

THIS IS ED'S BEST PRANK EVER!

beep

beep

beep beep

SCRAMBAMBLE FREQUENCY, ENCRYPT, REROUTE, DELETE, UNDO.

ED HASN'T SENT ANY MONEY TO FIX THE SWORDFISH YET, HAS SHE?

HEY!

WHAT IS THAT?

Bye Bye, Bebop.

SPIKE !!!

I'LL SEND YOU MONEY FOR THE SWORDFISH WHEN I GET SOME.

MAYBE I'LL SEE YOU AGAIN SOON! AFTER I EAT SAKIYUKI!!!

So Long Space Cowboys...

I WON'T HOLD MY BREATH.

NOT YET, BUT YOU NEVER KNOW.

—SHOOT 9 / END—

SHOOT 10

SPACE-SUIT!!

SP... SPACE-SUIT!!

SPACE-SUIT!!

WHERE'S MY SPACE-SUIT?!

OH, BABY!

Spike in spacesuit

SPIKE!! WE SHOULD GET OUT THERE TOO, DONCHA THINK?

GOOD THINGS REALLY DO HAPPEN TO GOOD PEOPLE.

OHMIGOD I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS IS REAL!

HEY!

I KNOW. AND I'VE NEVER SLEPT BETTER.

LOOK. LOOK!!

MO... MONEY !

AHHH...

GOSH, IT'S QUIET HERE WITHOUT ED.

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LEAVE IT, FAYE. WE DON'T STEAL FROM DEAD PEOPLE.

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WOW... NOW WE'VE GOT MYSTERY MONEY AND A MASSACRE.

THIS IS BAD.

ffp

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YUK, THERE'S BLOOD ALL OVER THE MONEY.

YES!

SHALL WE GO TAKE A LOOK?

THE MONEY IS LEAKING FROM A CARGO SHIP ABOUT 25 KM AHEAD.

I GOT IT.

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I THINK I'M GONNA CRY.

OH, ABOUT TIME, TOO. I HAVEN'T BEEN TO A SPA AND BEAUTY SALON IN FOREVER!

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SO... WE ALL AGREE? LET'S SPLIT IT UP!

AS A COMPROMISE I WILL ONLY TAKE FORTY PERCENT OF THE WHOLE HAUL.

SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

WHAT ARE YOU THINKING, SPIKE? TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE?

SOME-TIMES I HATE BEING RIGHT.

YOU CALLED IT, SPIKE.

beep

beep

beep

beep

TAKE A LOOK.

WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF THIS?

HEY, SPIKE!

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...FINDERS KEEPERS, RIGHT GUYS?!

IF THE OWNERS ARE DEAD, THEN...

WELL...

...I'M NOT SURE.

THE MONEY WON'T BE HAPPY IF WE LEAVE IT HERE. C'MON, SPIKE! IT WANTS TO BE SPENT! I CAN FEEL IT.

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WHY? NO ONE ELSE OWNS IT.

NO, FAYE.

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TO WHERE?

WHERE ELSE?

WE SHOULD TAKE THIS BACK.

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THE POLICE...

WHERE HAVE YOU GUYS BEEN?

IT'S ABOUT TIME!

I COULDN'T TELL THE DIFFERENCE WITHOUT A MICROSCOPE. HOW DID YOU KNOW?

EVEN THE ULTRAVIOLET LUMINOUS PAINT IS THE SAME AS REAL MONEY.

TEXTURE, WATERMARK... EVERYTHING LOOKS JUST LIKE REAL MONEY, BUT THIS IS DEFINITELY FAKE.

COUNTER-FEITERS.

WHO WOULD EVER CARRY THIS MUCH CASH?

WHICH MEANS...

IT DIDN'T SMELL RIGHT. BESIDES...

...WHEN TRAVELLING BETWEEN PLANETS, PEOPLE USE CARDS AND ELECTRONIC TRANSFERS.

SHE WAS ARRESTED FOR PASSING LARGE QUANTITIES OF COUNTERFEIT BILLS.

SHE HAD NO IDEA THAT ALL THE HIGH END STORES USE DETECTORS.

WHAT DOES HE MEAN?

YOU ARE HERE TO HELP ME OUT, AREN'T YOU?

clang

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FAYE... NICE TO SEE YOU HERE.

DO YOU KNOW HER?

...ALL THIS IS JUST A GOOD LOOKING PILE OF PAPER.

...LET ALONE ANY DEFINITE SUSPECTS.

...BUT WE DON'T HAVE ANY LEADS YET...

THEY APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN PART OF AN EVEN LARGER RING...

WOULD YOU LIKE TO GIVE US A HAND?

...YOU'RE BOUNTY HUNTERS, AT ALL?

I DON'T SUPPOSE...

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WE'RE IN!

WELL, I THINK... AH, HERE IT IS.

HOW ...MUCH?

IT'S 250 MILLION WOOLONGS.

BUT SINCE YOU LED US TO THE EVIDENCE...

WE WERE TRYING TO KEEP THIS ALL A SECRET.

WHAT DID YOU SAY?

CHIEF

THEY WERE ATTACKED EN ROUTE TO MARS.

IT LOOKS LIKE A SYNDICATE JOB.

THE SHIP YOU FOUND WAS FULL OF COUNTERFEITING EQUIPMENT AND 200 BILLION WOOLONGS, ALL FAKE.

THERE MUST BE ANOTHER CHART THAT BREAKS THE CODE.

...SOMEWHERE ON THE INDIAN SUBCONTINENT.

I CAN'T DECIPHER THEIR COORDINATES.

I DOUBT IT. OLD TIME STARFARERS USED AURAL CODES TO DISGUISE THEIR COURSES.

THE FLIGHT PLAN BEGINS OVER HERE...

IF I'M READING THE CHART CORRECTLY, I THINK THEY CAME FROM EARTH.

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ffp

WELL, THEY SURE WENT FAR TO MAKE SURE THAT NO ONE COULD FOLLOW THEM.

ED IS A WIZ AT THIS STUFF. MAYBE WE SHOULD CALL HER.

YOU TWO DO A FLYOVER. SEE IF YOU CAN SPOT ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS.

I'LL TAKE A CRACK AT BREAKING THESE CODES.

beep

ERROR 0

ONE OF THE CREWMEMBERS WAS HOLDING IT.

HMM... THESE SHEETS OF PAPER...

...DO THEY LOOK LIKE ANYTHING TO YOU?

AN OLD STAR CHART?!

THIS COIN MUST BE THE KEY.

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LAY THEM OVER EACH OTHER.

HUH, I HAVEN'T SEEN ONE LIKE THIS IN AWHILE.

WHAT DO YOU SEE NOW?

beep beep beep beep beep beep

ReBop

26:17

OKAY, NOW WHAT WOULD ED USE AS A CODEWORD?

pi pi pi pi pi

tap tap tap tap tap tap

DAMN IT! I WISH I AT LEAST HAD A BALLPARK TO START IN. ANY CLUE WHAT THE CODE KEY MIGHT BE.

click

WOW, JET! LONG TIME NO SEE!! WHAT'S GOING ON?

pi pi pi pi pi

ARE YOU TRYING TO OPEN MY PROGRAMS?

ED?!

IS THAT YOU, ED?

!!! JET BLACK!!

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LET'S ROLL.

SURE THING.

HOW BIG CAN A SUBCONTINENT BE, ANYWAY?

I'D FEEL BETTER...

...IF I KNEW WHAT WE WERE LOOKING FOR.

OKAY.

I'LL PICK YOU UP IN THE BEBOP!!!

I'M VERY BUSY.

AGH...

IS 'CANCELING THE DEBT FOR SWORDFISH' YOUR BEST OFFER?

EARTH IS REALLY BORING...

...ONCE YOU'VE BEEN IN SPACE WITH JET BLACK!

YAHOO!

HOW MUCH DO YOU PAY?

CAN YOU HELP ME OPEN THIS LOCK?

YEAH, I NEED TO DECRYPT SOMETHING.

OKAY... IF YOU UNLOCK IT, YOU CAN CONSIDER YOUR DEBT TO US PAID IN FULL.

I GOTTA WORK FREELANCE.

I OWE SOSOSO MUCH MONEY FOR SWORDFISH AND THE SATELLITE.

I'LL SEND YOU THE INFORMATION I HAVE. SEE WHAT YOU CAN DIG UP FOR THEM.

WE'RE AFTER THE LEADER OF A FUNNY MONEY RING.

SPIKE AND FAYE ARE NOW FLYING OVER THE INDIAN SUBCONTI-NENT ON EARTH.

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SPIKE, WHERE ARE YOU FLYING NOW?

ED... IS THAT YOU?

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SPIKE, WHAT IS IT?

GET YOUR GUN.

WHAT FOR?

IT'S IN A DEEP, DARK JUNGLE, SO SWORDFISH AND RED TAIL CAN'T LAND THERE.

BUT NOW ITS GENERATORS ARE RUNNING AGAIN.

THERE'S AN OLD ATOMIC ENERGY RESEARCH CENTER. REMOTE, SECURE, AND SUPPOSEDLY ABANDONED.

OKAY, OKAY! UGH, I JUST HOPE IT ISN'T TOO DIRTY.

WELL THEN... CAN I GO HOME?

I DON'T KNOW... CAN YOU PAY ME BACK FOR BAILING YOU OUT?

IGK

THAT LOOKS REALLY, REALLY DIRTY.

READY, FAYE?

CLICK

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SPIKE...

...WHY'D HE ATTACK US?

CLICK

YOU'RE LOOKING AT THEIR WATCH DOG.

SOMEONE KNOWS WE'RE COMING.

FAYE, JUST GET OUT YOUR GUN.

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YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO BE HERE!!!

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WELL, WE'RE IN THE RIGHT PLACE.

IT'S JUST LIKE IN MY DREAMS... HOW MUCH DO YOU THINK THIS IS?

BILLIONS, TRILLIONS... I HAVE NO IDEA.

pat

THWACK

ARE YOU FROM THE SYNDICATE?

...AND THIS IS MY MONEY.

WHICH MEANS THIS IS MY PROPERTY...

THIS IS A SHRINE DEDICATED TO ME.

tap

SHOOT 10

ONLY A MAN WOULD CARE ABOUT THE MONEY MORE THAN WHAT IT CAN BUY YOU.

REAL ROCKS BOUGHT WITH FAKE CASH, EH?

OH WELL, AT LEAST MY BABIES ARE HAPPY...

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I WAS GETTING SO COMFORT-ABLE.

AND I THOUGHT NO ONE WOULD FIND US HERE.

LOOK DARLINGS, IT'S DINNER!

OHH SPIKE, SHE'S WEARING REAL SILK AND REAL DIAMONDS.

GOD, WHO DID YOU DO... AND CAN YOU INTRODUCE ME?

THE ORNAMENTS ARE MINE.

A WOMAN AS EXTRAORDI-NARILY BEAUTIFUL AS ME...

...DESERVES TO WEAR ONLY THE VERY, VERY FINEST GARMENTS, ACCESSORIES... HAIR.

YOU ARE *NOT* WELCOME HERE.

THE THOUGHT OF TURNING YOU IN FOR A BIG BOUNTY!

YOU KNOW WHAT'S REALLY BEAUTIFUL TO ME?

...THAT ONLY A BOUNTY CAN BUY.

THERE'S A CERTAIN KIND OF HAPPINESS ...

CAN YOU FIX SWORD-FISH UP NOW?

IT MAY BE A LITTLE BIT SHORT TO PAY YOU BACK, BUT THIS IS EVERYTHING I SAVED BY SELLING INFORMATION.

IT'S MONEY!!!

WHAT IS IT [illegible]?

WHAT?

WHAT DID YOU SAY, SPIKE?

IT'S ALL FAKE...

SHE IS REQUESTING MR. SPIKE [illegible] AS HER COUNSEL.

HELLO. THIS IS THE JUPITER POLICE. WE'RE HOLDING ONE FAYE VALENTINE.

beep

AHHH...

NEVER MIND.

I'LL SETTLE FOR HALF THE BOUNTY!

SPIKE, I GOTTA RUN!

WHAT?! HALF OF IT!!

SPIKE, I NEED TO FIND MORE [illegible] ACCES-SORIES.

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SPIKE !!!

THESE CLOTHES AREN'T WORTHY OF ME.

SHE WAS RIGHT, YOU KNOW.

OHH...

THANKS ED.

THAT'S RIGHT.

DON'T YOU THINK SO, EIN?

WOOP WOOP!

— SHOOT 10 / END —

YOU STOLE THE WRONG SACK OF MONEY FROM US, FAYE!

SO...

...YOU'RE STUCK BACK HERE, TOO, ED!

SIGH... I WAS SUPPOSED TO COME BACK FABULOUSLY BEAUTIFUL AND GLAMOROUS.

HA HA. FAYE FAYE'S STILL THE PRETTIEST WOMAN ON THE BEBOP.

SHE WAS ARRESTED FOR...

...CARRYING LARGE AMOUNTS OF COUNTERFEIT MONEY.

AWWWW FAYE...

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NOW WE GO BEHIND THE BEBOP.

& MAKING OF BE-BOP

...ON THE STRUGGLE TO COMPLETE THIS COMIC.

True Stories...

BEFORE WE END THIS SERIES, I BRING TO YOU...

Episode 1

TO EASE THE STRESS OF WORK, I HAD A SIP OF BEER.

ONE SIP!

THEN I FELL DOWN A FLIGHT OF STAIRS.

STILL IN STORES !!

IT'S ME AGAIN ...

BEBOP VOL. 2.

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

Customer is God

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CHECK, PLEASE.

Help me, I'm drunk!

I TOLD MY FRIEND M ABOUT MY ACCIDENT.

ONE SIP!

SHE SENT ME THIS FAX.

I ACTUALLY FIND IT VERY FLATTERING.

BECAUSE REALLY I WAS LOOKING WHERE I WAS GOING, CARL.

AND FELL DOWN ANYWAY.

Episode 2

ONE BREEZY DAY IN MAY, DURING THE GOLDEN HOLIDAY WEEK, I HAD PLANS TO VISIT HOKKAIDO WITH MY FRIENDS. HOWEVER...

ARRIVE IN HEMANDETSU.

TRAVEL AROUND HERE.

LEAVE FROM NAKASHIBETSU.

...SINCE I MISSED THE ORIGINAL DEADLINE THAT MONTH, THE DEADLINE HAD BEEN CHANGED TO RIGHT AFTER THE GOLDEN HOLIDAY WEEK...

THAT UPSET MY FRIENDS ...ESPECIALLY SINCE THEY WOUND UP HELPING ME FINISH MY WORK IN HOKKAIDO.

...AND NATURALLY, A BAG FULL OF WORK WOUND UP TRAVELING WITH ME.

I WAS SO SAD TO BRING WORK ON VACATION.

HOW TO WORK IN SMALL HOTEL ROOM.

FUTON AGAINST WALL. MR. SAKAMOTO.

SAKAMOTO

I NEED PAINT!

ALSO, I WAS REALLY SICK.

Episode 3

WITH THREE MORE EPISODES LEFT IN THE SERIES...

...IT HAPPENED.

UM, I KNOW I CAN DRAW BETTER THAN THIS.

I DIDN'T DRINK, EAT, SLEEP OR BATHE FOR TWO DAYS...

...TO FINISH ALL THE DRAWINGS.

ON DEADLINE DAY, 9:30 PM..

PM 21:30

...I MET AN EDITOR AT THE YOKOHAMA STATION TO GIVE HIM THE PAGES.

YOKOHAMA STATION

THEN, THE EDITOR TOLD ME...

Editor, Mr. I

I'M SO SORRY TO INFORM YOU...

...BUT THE BEBOP SERIES HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

AHH YES, THOSE WERE THE DAYS, MY FRIENDS.

Yuck

& AND EATING RAMEN NOODLES AT A TRAIN STATION IS NEVER A GOOD IDEA.

MORE.

I GOT SICK AND VOMITED SO MUCH I NEEDED INTRAVENOUS FEEDING.

More Stories

HUH?

DUE TO A FLOOD, MY FAX MACHINE GOT SOAKED.

MORE.

I CAN SLEEP NOW. I WANNA EAT RAMEN NOODLES.

...IN MY MIND.

I HAD ROOM FOR ONLY TWO THOUGHTS ...

I WAS SO TIRED ...

OH, I SEE.

...THAT I DIDN'T GET UPSET AT ALL.

...AND I FELL DOWN THE STAIRS AT THE STATION.

UWAAA.

WHEN MY STOMACH GOT FULL MY BRAIN BECAME LAZY...

YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO SLEEP IN THE STATION...

...SO I DECIDED TO EAT.

THEN I FELL ASLEEP ON THE BUS AND MISSED MY STOP.

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GREEN ONION

FISH CAKE

SHINACHIKU

SOUP

NOODLE

MMM, FIRST FOOD IN TWO DAYS.

I REALLY ENJOYED THOSE NOODLES.

BUT THIS VOLUME IS MY LAST.

I'M ALREADY MISSING THEM.

Special thanks.

ETUKO.M NORIKO.A
KAORU.M CHISE.S GIGI & BABA
HIROE.T

UNTIL NEXT TIME, SO LONG SPACE COWBOYS.

BYE, BYE!

THANK YOU SOOOOO MUCH!!

I'M VERY GRATEFUL TO EVERYONE WHO READ THIS COMIC.

ONE SIP?

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FROM BOTTOM OF MY HEART.

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& MAKING OF BE-BOP / END —

SPIKE JET FAYE ED

The Ballad of the Bebop's Cowboys

Found amidst the husk of what once thrived as human kind,
The cowboys came from walks of life dissimilar and dire,
Mopping up the jobs the cops botch, trying to make a living.
It's the road that those alone can travel, stones without a home,
Rolling from a battered life and toward a great unknown.
These souls have found themselves together, adrift on the fringe
Of a new world, on a Bebop vessel nestled comfortably.
Into a new way of being, a bounty hunter model of living free,
A kind of family, shaped less by blood than necessity.